



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local governments - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

CCM supports the following bills, which would provide municipal animal control officers with (1) the *ability to offset costs associated with animal adoption* through increased adoption fees and (2) *greater access to rabies vaccination records* from veterinarians.

- **Raised Senate Bill 497 "An Act Concerning Municipal Advertising Costs and Pet Adoptions"** would increase the pet adoption fee and allow adding the cost of advertising to pet adoptions to cover the municipal costs.
- **Proposed House Bill 5808 "An Act Concerning Animal Control Officers and the Release of Rabies Vaccination Records"** would allow local animal control officers to obtain rabies vaccination information from veterinarians.

Both of these bills would be good for local animal control officers and **CCM encourages the committee to favorably report them.**

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